FOURTH DAY—*13th June 1929.*

MR. NILGIRI SANJEEVIAH complained that the paragraph printed on Page 355 of the Dasara Session of the Assembly was not what was stated in this House by Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar and that, though the members were asking for the proofs to be sent to them for verification before final print, this was not done.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL said that Mr. Bhashyam Iyengar had sent a written speech which was included in the proceedings.

MR. PUTTASWAMI admitted the difficulty in the reporting of the Kannada proceedings. He and a few other members wanted to know if it was not possible to appoint Kannada Reporters to report the proceedings in Kannada.

THE DEWAN said that the Reporters were doing their best and that the proceedings were printed only in an abstract form.

As regards Kannada Reporters this suggestion was noted for consideration.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MESSRS. G. CHENNAPPA (Davangere Taluk), M. GURUSIDDAPPA (Davangere Municipality).—

Q.—40. Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) The terms and conditions on which the agencies for sandal oil are given in and outside the state of Mysore.

(*b*) Whether there are any rules and bye-laws governing the grant of these agencies? If so, will the Government be pleased to place a copy of these rules on the table of this House?

(*c*) To whom is the agency at Bombay at present given? And what are the terms on which this agency is given? And for what period?

(*d*) Whether any surety is taken?

(*e*) Whether any tenders were called for before the agency was given to the present incumbent?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—40. (*a*) There is no separate agency for the sale of sandalwood oil inside the State. For business purposes India is divided into convenient areas and separate agents have been appointed for the following areas:—

Areas.	Headquarters
Sind and Baluchistan	Karachi
Punjab, Rajaputana and Central India ..	Kanauj
Bengal Presidency	Calcutta
Bombay Presidency	Bombay
Southern India	Bangalore

All business is conducted on a cash basis, no credit being allowed in any case.

(*b*) There are no rules or orders regarding the grant of agencies.

(*c*) The agency in Bombay has been given to Messrs. H. B. Warden & Co. The supplies are made strictly on a cash basis. No period has been fixed.

(*d*) As orders are executed on receipt of cash, no question of surety arises.

(*e*) No.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr Chennappa.—

Will the Government be pleased to state if any agency is appointed in India also for the sale of sandalwood oil, and if so, what the terms are and whether any commission is given?

First Member of Council.—

Agents are appointed in India for the sale of oil, but as the sale is only for cash, no terms are attached and no commission is given.

Mr. Gurumurthiachar.—

Will the Government be pleased to state if steps are taken to prevent future defalcations?

First Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. Gurumurthiachar.—

Have you taken deposits from the agents in India to guard against future losses and are not tenders invited before appointing agents?

First Member of Council.—

The sales are for cash and there is no necessity for taking deposits. The system of tenders is not suitable.

Mr. Gurumurthiachar.—

Will the Government be pleased to state if the Agency is held by any Mysorean and if not, whether it would be given to anybody?

First Member of Council.—

Offers to do business will be considered.

Mr. Puttaswami.—

Will not the tender system bring in more revenue?

First Member of Council.—

The system of tenders is not considered suitable.

Mr. Puttaswami.—

Is the period of the agency fixed?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. Puttaswami.—

Can the agency be given to a company instead of to an individual?

First Member of Council.—

Offers will be considered.

Mr. N. Y. Pissay.—

It is stated that the Southern Indian agency has its headquarters at Bangalore. Do the Government deal direct with the company or through the European agents?

First Member of Council.—

Government deal with it direct.

Mr. N. Y. Pissay.—

Is there any account of the pilferings in the factories ?

First Member of Council.—

Government have received no report about any such thing.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

Will the Government be pleased to state if there is one agency for the foreign countries?

First Member of Council.—

Yes, for Europe and America.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

Is there any factory at America?

First Member of Council.—

There is no factory belonging to Mysore Government. We send wood for distillation in New York.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

What is the reason for sending the wood instead of the oil? Will the Government be pleased to state if the firm that extracts the oil is also selling it?

First Member of Council.—

The same agents sell the oil both in America and Europe. Wood is sent, as oil is subject to duty.

Mr. Basappa Chetty.—

Are there any Mysoreans holding the agency in India?

First Member of Council.—

The Calcutta Agency is, I think, held by a Mysorean.

Mr. Subbarama Chetty.—

Does not Government consider that the tender system would be profitable?

First Member of Council.—

It is not considered suitable.

Mr. Subbarama Chetty.—

Will the Government be pleased to state if they felt any difficulty in the sale of the oil through the agency system?

First Member of Council.—

None so far as India is concerned.

Mr. Siddalingappa Chetty.—

What is the quantity of oil prepared in America? Are there any Mysoreans in charge of the factory or in charge of the sales there?

First Member of Council.—

I cannot say now what quantity of oil is made in America. Oil is manufactured by an American firm and sold by the Agents.

Mr. Subbarama Chetty.—

Do you know how much oil can be extracted from how much wood?

First Member of Council.—

Yes. We have the results of distillation in the factories of Mysore and Bangalore to guide us.

Mr. Bhavikatte Chennabasappa.—

Can the Government see that such frauds as have been reported do not occur hereafter?

First Member of Council.—

All possible action to prevent them will be taken.

(MR. SIDDALINGADEVARU and a few other members of the Assembly complained that those that sat in the corner of the Assembly Hall could not hear the discussion clearly and that it would be desirable to have a Loud Speaker installed early as promised by the Dewan at the last session.

THE DEWAN replied that inquiries were being made in the matter and that there was also a proposal to construct a new Assembly Hall.)